1	2	3	4	5	6
5	Gauge Conversion of Lumding-Dibrugarh with linked fingures including Makum-Dangori	634.83	660.72	10.00	The work of main line from Lumding to Dibrugarh, Tinsukhia-Lekhapani and branch lines from Furkating to Mariani and Simalguri-Moranhat has been completed. Gauge Con-version work on Makum-Dangori and Amguri-Tuli sections is in progess and will be complete by March 2001.

New rail line from Jajpur road to Jajpur town

3537. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received demand from the public and from a delegation of Orissa MPs for a new rail line in the South Eastern Railway from Jajpur Road to Jajpur Town, the district Headquarters and a place of religious pilgrimage and also to connect the upcoming sea ports of Orissa by rail;

(b) if so, details thereof and the action taken for preliminary or mandatory survey; and

(c) the details of Railways' development plans, both ongoing and upcoming, in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The demand was received from a delegation of Orissa M.Ps. for a new line from Jajpur-Keonjhar Road to Dhamara port *via* Navigaya (Jajpur) and Aradi. *Prima facie* examination indicated that the proposed line would be about 95 km. long and would cost not less than Rs. 285 crore. Owing to huge throwforward and acute constraint of resources for New Line projects, it has not been possible to consider this project for the present. However, recently, a proposal for construction of a private Railway Siding has been received for

linking Bhadrak to the proposed modern all-weather deep sea port at Dhamara.

(c) The progress of major railway projects in Orissa are given as under:—

New Line Projects

1.	Koraput-Rayagada (164 km)	The line has been commissioned.
2.	Talcher-Sambalpur (174.112 km)	The line has been commissioned. The work of Sambalpur by pass line is in progress.
3.	Daitari (Tomka)-Banspani (155 km)	Banspani to Jaroli (11 km) is targeted to be opened during 2000-01. All other works are in progress.
4.	Lanjigarh Road-Junagarh (54 km)	Land acquision is in progress. Earthwork and construction of minor bridges have been taken up.
5.	Khurda Road-Bolangir (289 km)	Rs. 3.46 crore have been deposited with the State Govt. for land acquisition. Tenders have been floated for taking up work in the first 2.5 km length.
6.	Haridaspur-Paradeep (78 km)	Final location survey and soil investigation for bridges have been completed. Rs. 5 crore have been deposited with the State Govt. for land acquisition.
7.	Angul-Sukinda Road (90 km)	Final location survey and soil investigation for major bridges are in progress.

Gauge conversion projects

1.	Naupada-Gunupur	Final location survey has been completed. Work would be taken up once the requisite clearance is obtained.

2.	Rupsa-Bangriposi	Formation work upto cess level has been completed. Casting of Pre-cast RCC segments is in progress.

Doubling Projects

1.	Nergundi-Cuttack- Raghunathpur	Land acquisition is in progress between Raghunathpur-Badakhandeita.
2.	Rahama-Paradeep	Work is progress on available land.
3.	Rajathgarh-Nergundi	Rajathgarh-Salegaon section has been opened to traffic. Work on Salegaon-Nergundi section is in progress.
4.	Raghunathpur-Rahama	The new line has been opened as diversion. Strengthening of old line is in progress.
5.	2nd Bridges on rivers Birupa and Mahanadi	Design of the Birupa bridge has been completed and design of the Mahanadi bridge is in progress.
6.	Rajathgarh-Barang	The work is included in the Budget and is awaiting requisite clearances, action for which has already been initiated.
7.	Titlagarh-Linjigarh Road	Work is in progress on available land.
8.	Khurda- Puri (Phase-I)	Estimates are under preparation.

Grades of Railway Accounts Staff

3538. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether grades of Accounts Staff of Railways have been notified according to recommendation of Fifth Central Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof ?